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Residents Show Strong Support Lakeside Park Under Review

SOUTHWICK: Southwick residents who attended Tuesday night's public informational hearing on the proposed \$500,000 lakeside park showed strong support for further development of the Congamond Lakes Access and Swimming Beach Study as tentatively outlined.

Approximately 30 local citizens listened to the state's proposal for the establishment of a 6.5 acre site on Middle Pond which would serve as a boat launch and swimming facility off Point Grove Road.

According to State Access Board officials, this would involve acquisition of from one to three abutting businesses. Taking of the S.P. Club was seen as "critical to the development of the project," whereas acquisition of both the Congamond Good Times and Gates Auto Service were considered "not essential to the plan, but highly desirable." The Good Times might be utilized to increase boat mooring areas of the park.

Gates Auto, directly across from the proposed park's entrance, might be purchased by the state and leased back to Gates for their use. Concern was expressed over a fast-food chain, or the like, purchasing the prime land in the future if the state did not take control of the land.

John Scully, President of the Lakes Redevelopment Corporation Association, indicated that about \$20,000 would be needed to help Southwick maintain the proposed park and to pay salaries.

Since the state board's objective is to provide unlimited access to the lakes, boat launching fees are prohibited, although the town can charge for parking of cars and trailers to help raise money to support the park. Other fund raisers such as boat races and ski shows could be held as long as they did not interfere with regular public accessibility to the lakes.

John Viel, new Board of Selectmen Chairman, questioned whether or not the proposed park would pay for itself. "The 500 foot public beach, as proposed, would require hiring a full-time life guard and charging parking fees (for unlimited access) could mean paying a parking attendant round-the-clock," he said.

Viel called for a show of hands to gauge the town's support for the long range project. Viel was quick to remind residents that the park was a "couple of years down the road and new figures would no doubt have to be inserted. At least this gives us some direction," Viel concluded.

The State Access Board asked selectmen for a letter of support to indicate their intention to go ahead with plans.

Town Considers Closing Local School

By Connie Davis

SUFFIELD: At 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, a public hearing will be held in McAlister School cafeteria to discuss a school administration request to close West Suffield School. As part of this proposal, next fall this kindergarten would be removed to Bridge Street School and six Grade 1 and 2 classrooms would be established at Spaulding School.

In addition, an architect would draw several sets of plans that would add 4-10 classrooms to Spaulding School. The hearing is necessary since the Board of Education is giving the matter serious consideration.

School Board Chairman Robert Newman acknowledged that the decision will be difficult and will only be made after the public hearing. Other members of the board that were contacted are reserving judgement until after the hearing.

Leading Opposition

West Suffield PTO is leading the opposition to the school closing. At a recent meeting several of its members explained their views. Bobbi Kling agreed that having grades K-5 is desirable, but contended that keeping West Suffield School open would be less expensive than building the new addition to Spaulding School. She doubted that the town would be willing to finance an addition of the school.

Cheryl Morello challenged the projected school enrollment figures. "With all the condos and building go on, how can the administration say realistically that there will be no increase in children?"

Edwin Humphrey, Spaulding School Principal, stated that the proposal raises questions about how library and special education needs would be met. Noting that the Board of Education favors no more than 25 students in a class, he wondered what would happen if 15 or more students were enrolled into the school.

Betty Coughlin, elementary reading consultant, said she favors an elementary unit in one location in order to do a better job with the children. She said if some of the students will be attending other schools instead of Spaulding she cannot support the proposal.

Barbara Tanguay, a music teacher at Spaulding School, said: "Children in grades K-5 belong on one site. Otherwise, too many duplications of services, material and staff exist. Children above and below grade level should be able to move to the area that suits them best."

Chris Walsh noted that she would attend the hearing to hear School Superintendent Sidney DuPont explain his positions the proposals.

Dr. DuPont, anticipating a large turnout, said no vote is expected at the hearing. He said the vote may be delayed for 7-15 days on any of his recommendations. He prefers items to be voted on separately.

Dupont reiterated that the administration was asked to submit a long range plan after receiving reports from the School Needs Assessment Committee and the School Closing Committee.

A Thanksgiving Indian???



SUFFIELD'S FIRST SELECTMAN EARL WATERMAN delivers an official proclamation declaring next week Y Indian Guide and Indian Princess Week in town. Local guides Matt Jinks of Chestnut Circle, W. Suffield, and Michael Scarbo of Susan Drive join hands with their honorary chief. Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

School Board Tables Upping Of Grad Credits

By Lil Devin

Suffield: At last Tuesday's meeting of the Board of Education, a move by Chairperson Robert Newman for a proposed increase in high school graduation requirements to 5.5 credits per year was tabled for further study.

Vice-Chairperson Elizabeth Mavis suggested a community committee be appointed to study the increased credit proposal. The move, which called for a committee composed of high school and middle school students, parents, and faculty who would study the issue further, was defeated 2-5.

Opponents of the move by Ms. Mavis argued that such a committee would only defer the matter and thwart a fall, 1982 implementation of the plan should it be accepted.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Sidney DuPont and board member William Borchers felt the decision should be up to the board itself and not to a community committee.

In other business, Dr. DuPont offered a three-year projection of possible staff reductions in the third through eighth grade levels. His figures predicted a reduction of eight total positions over a three-year period due to an expected drop in enrollment of at least 200 students within that period.

The projections were passed on to a budget committee for consideration following budget hearings and receipt of enrollment reports.

An election of officers to the Board of Education resulted in the appointments of Robert Newman to chairperson, Elizabeth Mavis to vice chairperson, and Mary Ann Muska to secretary.

In addition, Bonnie Carney, Paul Murphy, and Peter Das were welcomed as new members to the board.



Recent Contributions Help...

Suffield Minibus Fund Grows

By Connie Davis



RECEIVING A \$500 donation for the Suffield Minibus fund is David H. Johnson (center), President of Suffield Savings Bank. Presenting the check is Raymond Daddario, Sr., of the Mass Cor Builders, Ffyer Place. Looking on is Gloria Wilson, driver of the Suffield Minibus.

Photo by Walt Steinmetz.

Two recent donations - \$2,500 from a trust fund established by the late Mildred Cannon and \$500 donated by Raymond Daddario, Sr. of Mass Cor Builders, Ffyer Place - have increased the amount of money contributed to the Suffield Minibus Fund to \$6,560.

Begun on October 29th, the fund was established to raise over \$20,000, the cost of replacing one of the two buses currently in operation.

According to David H. Johnson, chairman of the fund drive, many five- and ten-dollar donations have been received in response to a townwide mailing. Many of those contributors are among residents who use the bus service.

Minibus operation costs \$30,000 a year. Four drivers man the two buses which cover forty to fifty thousand miles in a year. In addition to state and federal grants and local contributions, those who use the buses contribute six dollars per person or nine dollars per couple annually.

Those unable to transport themselves use the bus. Service, which is not limited to the elderly, extends to those physically able to get aboard. Handicapped individuals benefit from the bus; children are driven to summer programs in Enfield and adults take part in workshops held in town at Emergency Aid as well as in Enfield and Hazardville.

Minibus service is coordinated by Gloria Wilson, who has an office in Town Hall, where reservations may be placed or messages left for the drivers.

Gloria first became interested in providing transportation for those in need when, at age 34, she

was involved in a boating accident and thought she'd never walk again. Upon recovery, she became a volunteer driver in Windsor Locks.

When Suffield obtained its first bus in 1974, she applied for the job of driving it and has been the principal driver for some time now. Driving duties are shared now, however, with Beulah Bailey, Dorothy Quinn and Florence Egan.

In addition to special trips, definite stops are scheduled weekly. On Mondays and Tuesdays, doctors in all surrounding towns are visited. Grocery shopping and errands around Suffield may be done on Wednesdays and Fridays. Passengers are taken to various shopping areas in Enfield on Thursdays. Friday afternoons are reserved for Hartford appointments. Anyone needing a ride to church in town on Sundays is able to arrange for bus transportation. Also, buses go into Springfield one day a week.

The older bus, which carries twelve passengers, is adorned with a butterfly, the favorite symbol of "Mrs. Minibus" Gloria. The newer bus, which carries fourteen riders, can be identified by a daisy decal.

According to Gloria, transportation facts bely the common belief by townspeople that the majority of riders come from Maple and Laurel Courts. Of the forty regular grocery shoppers, only ten are from those areas.

Drivers work with the Recreation Department to arrange transportation to functions such as AARP meetings. The original brown minibus is still in operation, serving the Rec Department.

Laughing Brook
Receives Grant

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden, Massachusetts, is the recipient of a \$14,500 grant from the Institute of Museum Services. This marks the fourth consecutive year that Laughing Brook has received support from this federal agency in the Department of Education.

Laughing Brook began its second year of operation out of its new Environmental Center building this fall. The Education Center offers courses and workshops on natural history and environmental topics for people of all ages.

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Planners Fail To Agree On Nuclear Dump

By Andi Phelps

SOUTHWICK: Because of divided opinion, the Planning Board will not make a recommendation to the Town Meeting concerning the banning of a nuclear dump within the town's boundaries.

Action on the prohibition of a nuclear dump site was tabled at the November Special Town Meeting because the Planning Board hadn't prepared a presentation at that time. Planners felt the town was looking for some guidance on the matter, but according to the Board, the article can still go before town meeting without a Planning Board recommendation. They plan to ask the Board of Health, original proponents of the measure, to make the presentation at the December 10 Special Town Meeting.

Some planners felt that it was hypocrisy to utilize the advantages of nuclear energy while not allowing the refuse to be properly disposed. Other members maintained they were not familiar with the subject to make a knowledgeable judgement. The Board felt that various legislation on the subject has been passed or rejected because of a general misunderstanding of both sides of the issue.

According to planner Donald Desmond, approximately 80 percent of all hazardous waste, as opposed to nuclear waste, in New England is illegally dumped. In Massachusetts, he said, the state controls such operations but cities and towns can oppose them being located in their respective communities.

According to planners, the town has no way to monitor what is actually going into the town dump, a problem facing other towns.

43 Street Lights To Be Shutdown By Board of Selectmen

By Andi Phelps

SOUTHWICK: Selectmen Wednesday met with a representative of Western Mass. Electric Co. to determine which street lights would be turned off to conserve energy in the community.

About 43 street lights along College Highway and Feeding Hills Road are slated to be temporarily shut off. The lights will be marked with tape to distinguish which lights will no longer be operational. Residents who feel that a particular light is necessary may contact WMECO and assume responsibility for paying for the street light.

WMECO officials noted that the rates for street lights vary. It was suggested that if a neighborhood felt that a particular street light was necessary, the neighbors should share the rate cost.

Selectmen also voted to accept a small parcel of land from William Wilson. The property, measuring a quarter acre, is located on Berkshire Avenue, south of Oak Street and abuts Middle Pond. It will be deeded to the Conservation Commission for conservation use.

Howard Washburn of 202 Lounge presented Selectmen with a letter stating that the building, located on College Highway, would be renovated within 45-60 days. This allows operators to reapply for their liquor permit.

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Tripping About

By Jeanne Gilbert

How would you like to get away to a place where the likes of Woodrow Wilson, Theodore Roosevelt, Henry David Thoreau, and Oliver Wendell Holmes have visited or where Rudyard Kipling spent his honeymoon?

Then it's the Old Tavern in Grafton, Vermont, that you are looking for. This charming old inn has been in continuous operation for more than 180 years. Since 1965, it has been owned and operated by the Windham Foundation.

There are fourteen rooms in the tavern; however, we prefer to stay in the cottages across the street, particularly in either the Windham Cottage or the Homestead. We especially enjoy the front rooms which have canopy beds, which I find so romantic. Only room No. 11 in the tavern itself has a canopy bed, but that one lacks the same charm as the others mentioned.

All rooms at the tavern have been decorated with beautiful antiques and each is unique in its decor. Everything at the tavern is clean and maintained well.

Food at the tavern runs from good to excellent, and dining rooms are gracious and most attractive. My favorite is the Garden Room which was added in 1980. The brick floors and a multitude of plants make it bright and cheery place in which to enjoy cocktails and meals.

Many cozy places for reading, playing cards, or just chatting can be found in the cottages across the street. In the summer there is a natural swimming pool, tennis, croquet and bicycles for nominal rental. In winter cross-country enthusiasts can explore six miles of private trails, skaters can indulge in their favorite activity, and other outdoor sports fans may request snowshoes, sleds, or toboggans.

If you're interested in art, visit the Gallery North Star. Other activities within walking distance are the Windham Foundation Exhibit, Grafton Historical Society Museum, Grafton Village Cheese Company, and the Cricketeers, which is a gift shop.

The Old Tavern at Grafton, Vermont, 05146, may be called at 1-802-843-2231.

Note: credit cards are not accepted at the Tavern.

Postal Service Offers Mailbox Tips

Postmasters across the country are issuing warnings to residents of each town who have mailboxes easily accessible from the street. Mailbox theft is on the increase and the U.S. Postal Service would like to issue the following suggestions on preventing such an occurrence from taking place.

1. Promptly remove mail from mailbox, especially checks.
2. Immediately notify the post office and mailers if you change your address.
3. Report non-receipt of checks, food stamps and ATP's to the issuing agency.
4. Immediately advise the postmaster or postal inspector when your mail has been stolen.

Mail theft is a federal crime investigated by the Postal Inspection Service. Rewards are payable for information leading to arrest and conviction of violators.

An old belief is that if your right ear rings, someone is saying good things about you. If your left ear rings, you are not being flattered.



Financial Facts

Gary C. Smith
Suffield Savings Bank

One of the earliest functions of banks was that of a safe depository, a place where customers could store their valuables, including money, jewelry, legal papers, family mementos, etc. in relative safety. Over time, this service has evolved so that today many people enjoy the security of safe deposit boxes for only pennies a day.

There are three important aspects to safe deposit services from the customer standpoint. They are customer privacy, limitation of access, and security from loss.

The contents of safe deposit boxes is private information. Only the renter knows what has been placed in his/her box. Banks do not ask customers nor do they have any way of finding out what is in the safe deposit box. When customers want to enter their safe deposit boxes, they are directed to the privacy of a small, closed room so that no one else can see what is put in or taken out of the box.

The privacy of safe deposit boxes is assured through limiting the access to the safe deposit area. Before customers are granted access to the box, they must present their key and be identified through a signature verification. Without a key and an authorized signature, access to a safe deposit box is denied.

To further assure privacy and limitation of access, two keys are required to open a safe deposit box. One key is retained by the bank and the other by the customers. Both keys are needed to open a box. The bank cannot open the box without the customer's key, thereby protecting the customer's privacy.

Security from loss is the primary motivation for renting a safe deposit box. The physical security of safe deposit boxes is guarded by vaults, alarms, and security procedures.

There are some cautions that safe deposit renters should remember, however. As long as a bank or safe deposit company has taken reasonable and customary precaution in administering safe deposit boxes, they are not responsible for a loss should one occur. Therefore, renters should be selective in where they rent a safe deposit box. If the bank or safe deposit company does not insure the contents of boxes, the renter should consider insuring the contents against loss. It is also a wise idea to maintain a written inventory of the contents of the box to substantiate any claim should a loss occur.

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Losito-Nejfelt Wedding Held

On Saturday, November 14, 1981, at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam, the wedding of Theresa Angela Losito to John Victor Nejfelt took place. Following the ceremony performed by Rev. Joseph H. Fellin, a reception was held at St. Anne's Country Club.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Losito of 6 Fenton Street, Feeding Hills. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Nejfelt of New Britain, Connecticut.

Acting as maid of honor was Nancy Stellato, cousin of the bride, and bridesmaids were Linda Comee and Nancy Deemer.

Standing as best man was brother of the groom James Nejfelt, and ushers were Phil Losito and Robert Bernas.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Holyoke Community College. She is currently employed as a personnel secretary with the C.H. Dexter Division in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

The groom is a graduate of New Britain High School and the University of Connecticut, Storrs. He is also employed by C. H. Dexter Division as a maintenance systems manager.

The couple will reside in Somers, Connecticut, after returning from a honeymoon trip to St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Suffield Calendar Of Events

Sponsored By The Friends Of The Kent Memorial Library

Mon., Nov. 23: Fire drill, 7 p.m., Central Firehouse; Third Annual Art Show, grades K-5, 7 p.m., library; Board of Finance, 7:30, Town Hall; Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Hall.

Tues., Nov. 24: AARP, 2 p.m., Sacred Heart Hall; Free Blood Pressure clinic, 4-6 p.m., Emergency Aid Bldg; Rotary Club, 6 p.m., Suffield Inn; Troop 260, 7 p.m., St. Joseph's Hall; Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30, Town Hall; Knights of Columbus, 8:15, Sacred Heart basement.

Wed., Nov. 25: Thrift Shop open Wed. & Thurs. 10-3:30 and Fri. & Sat. 10-1.

Thurs., Nov. 26: Thanksgiving, Town Hall and Library closed.

Fri., Nov. 27: Town Hall closed; "Private Lives" at Mapleton Hall, 8 p.m. (also on Sat.)

Sun., Nov. 29: Library open 1-4:30 p.m.

Cindy Singers In Full Holiday Swing

The Cindy Singers are in full swing for the new season starting with Christmas time.

The concert tour under the direction of Cynthia A. Meyer will begin on December 6th by visiting Riverdale Nursing Home in West Springfield and Spruce Manor Nursing Home in Springfield.

On December 14th, the group will perform at Saint Joan's Episcopal Church in Warehouse Point, Connecticut, and on December 15th, at the Church in the Acres, Springfield.

On January 10th, the group will present its third concert for the new organ at First Church of Christ Congregational in Suffield.

Spring season is open for concerts. Anyone interested is asked to contact Mrs. Meyer in Suffield.

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Toy Drive For Needy

Suffield: The Suffield Recreation Department and the Suffield Jaycees are co-sponsoring a toy drive for needy children in the Suffield area. New and used toys will be distributed to financially troubled and Special Recreation children in Suffield.

Families are urged to donate any new or used toys either by dropping them off at the Recreation Department, 97 Mountain Road, Town Hall Annex building, or by calling the department at 668-0237.

Volunteers will go to homes to pick up toys if they cannot be dropped off.

Joint Church Service Planned Thanksgiving Eve

Southwick: A community Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be jointly sponsored by the churches of Southwick and Granville on Wednesday, November 25th, at 8 p.m.

The Federated Church in Granville will host the service and reception to follow. The Rev. John P. Fritz, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Southwick, will preach, and the Ecumenical Choir, under the direction of Phil Hall, will provide the music.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Southwick Women Host District Group

The Southwick Women's Club was hostess to the 14th District Presidents' Club on Monday, November 16th at the Southwick Congregational Church.

Mrs. Bernard Kvarnstrom, president of the Southwick Women's Club, greeted guests with a short history of the founding of the club in 1924. It was organized in 1927 and has been dedicated to community service for the last 57 years.

Mrs. Richard Dumont of Southampton, president of the 14th District Presidents' Club, conducted the morning meeting. The day was designated to honor past presidents and corsages were presented to each in attendance.

Special guests present were Mrs. Charles Shepard of Warren and Mrs. Paul E. Congdon of Springfield, both past presidents of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs.

A luncheon was served by the Ladies Benevolent Society of the church with Mrs. William Paulas as chairman. An informative program on drug abuse was held in the afternoon under the direction of Officer Robert Grimaldi of the Southwick Police Department.

Southwick Women's Club To Meet

The December meeting of the Southwick Women's Club will meet Tuesday, December 1, at the Southwick Congregational Church. A pot luck luncheon will be served at noon.

Hand-crafted Christmas cards, Christmas decorations, ornaments and center pieces will be displayed and musical entertainment offered.

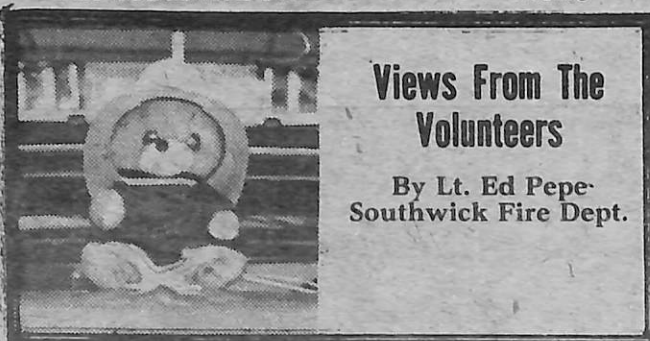
Entertainment will start at 1:30 and anyone interested in this portion of the afternoon program is welcome to be a guest of the Southwick Women's Club.

Southwick Church Plans New Year's Eve Dance

A New Year's Eve Dance will be held at Our Lady of the Lake hall, Sheep Pasture Road, Southwick. A smorgasbord, catered by Durochers, will be served at 8 p.m., and dancing to the music of We Three will follow from 9 to 2 a.m.

Noisemakers, hats, balloons will be provided. Beverages are on a B.Y.O.B. basis.

For tickets or more information, call Elsie Paul at (143) 569-3213.



Views From The Volunteers

By Lt. Ed Pepe
Southwick Fire Dept.

For the past couple of weeks, we have been looking over our homes, room by room. Let's detour a bit this week and discuss a problem that is heavily on the minds of all fire prevention people: portable heaters, either electric, gas, oil or kerosene. They all need to be treated with care and respect for their potential dangers.

The portable electric units, whether they are the new glass type or the old wire ones, need special precautions in their use. Most of the new ones have very good instructions with them, but the old ones and the new ones if purchased second hand will not have the safety precautions.

The most important thing to check is the power required to operate the unit. Somewhere on the label, it should say 15 or 20 amps. The outlet you plug this unit into must be able to handle this load or it could cause a fire in the wall where it goes undetected for a long time.

If you are unsure how much power is required or if the outlet will handle the load, have an electrician check it for you. Always remember these units produce lots of heat so keep curtains, clothing, and furniture away.

Oil, gas, and kerosene heaters are all of the same type and are extremely dangerous. Not only can they cause fires of tremendous ferocity, but they also deplete the air supply as they are not vented to the outside. No matter how safe the salespeople say they are, remember there is an open flame in each type and close by, a supply of flammable liquid.

We know it is getting very expensive to heat our homes to a comfortable temperature and these small units are very tempting, especially with the sales pitches out. Please be extremely careful or this winter could be as disastrous as it was before oil-fired space heaters were outlawed in Massachusetts. When these units cause a fire, whether it be because of operator negligence or equipment failure, the fire spreads so rapidly it is almost impossible to escape.

Please read the label on your electric portable heaters, use them correctly and use only fuel-fired heaters approved by the state fire marshal which have been installed according to the building code.

Kent Library Activities

Suffield: Now on display at the Kent Memorial Library are books which deal with the topic of aging. Among the titles are those suggested by the American Association of Retired Persons, such as *Larry and Tonto*, by John Greenfield, *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* by Ernest Gaines, and *The Coming of Age* by Simone de Beauvoir. For more information, call the library at 668-2325.

The Kent Memorial Library will present the "Tales of Hoffman," the filmed version of Jacques Offenbach's most prodigious opera, on Monday, November 30th, at 7 p.m. at the library.

Set in 19th-century Germany, it is the story of a young poet and his three great loves and is filled with glorious singing and dancing.

Admission is free.

Jim Trelease, author of the popular and well-respected *Read Aloud Handbook for Parents and Teachers*, will speak at the library on Tuesday, December 1st, at 7:30 p.m. This will be the latest in the Friends of the Kent Memorial Library Author Series.

Trelease's book details the positive effects of reading aloud to children, when to do it and which books to read. It also discusses the damaging effects of too much television viewing. He will speak on topics discussed in his book.

Admission is free.

The library's book discussion group will be reading *Abbit Run*, the best selling novel by John Updike. Copies of the book are now available at the library. To participate, simply sign the registration sheet for the December 3rd meeting to begin at 7 p.m.

The library's fall musical series will end on Monday, December 14th with the showing of the Academy Award winning film *Oliver*. Carol Reed directed this blockbuster which is based on Dickens' novel *Oliver Twist*. Showtime is 7 p.m. and admission free.

A new film series will begin in January and copies of the winter schedule will be available at the showing of *Oliver*.

Blood Pressure Screening

A free blood pressure screening clinic will be held in the Memorial House auditorium of Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, November 24th from 4 to 6 p.m.

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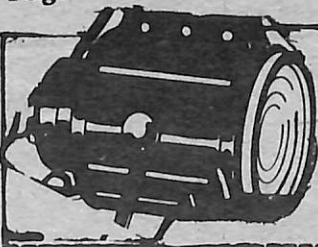
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SPOTLIGHT ON SENIORS

SOUTHWICK SR. CITIZENS' MENU

Mon., Nov. 23: Salisbury steak w/gravy, whipped potato, mixed vegetables, chocolate chip cookies
Tues., Nov. 24: Chili con carne, tossed salad, banana
Wed., Nov. 25: Chicken 'n gravy, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, cranberry sauce, fruit cocktail
Thurs., Nov. 26: Holiday
Fri., Nov. 27: Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, creamy cole slaw, sliced peaches.
Mon., Nov. 30: Macaroni & cheese, peas, tomato juice, canned apricots.

Happy Thanksgiving wishes are extended to everyone from Joan Randolph, chairman of the Council on Aging, and from Dorothy Flagg, senior aide, as well as from everyone at the center.

Marion Nash is still at Noble Hospital, and Lucy Benoit and Dorothy Cowee are both at their homes recuperating from recent surgery. They all are wished a speedy recovery along with any others who may be ill.

Center participants would like to welcome Herbert Pace as the newest member of the Council on Aging.

Sue Reardon and Faye Proskop, two seniors from Southwick High School, have been a big help to those at the Southwick Senior Center's monthly birthday parties. The girls volunteered to help out and have been invaluable.

SUFFIELD SENIORS SHOPPING TRIPS SCHEDULED

The dates for the annual minibuss Christmas shopping trips for the elderly and handicapped have been scheduled as follows:

Mon., Nov. 30: Eastfield Mall. Pick-up between 9 and 10 to leave and return to Suffield at 2:30.

Thurs., Dec. 3: Holyoke's Ingleside Mall. Pick up between 11 and 12 and return to Suffield at 4.

Mon., Dec. 7: Ingleside Mall. Pick up between 9 and 10 and return at 2:30.

Thurs., Dec. 10: Eastfield Mall. Pick up between 11 and 12 and return at 4.

Please call individually at 668-0344, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. A recorder will take your message. Just state the date of trip, your name and phone number. You will be notified if buses are full.

Persons are allowed one trip and then put on waiting list for other trips. Please do not give your name to the driver.

One bus will still be going to Enfield shopping on Thursdays.

Any questions, call 668-0344.

W.Suffield Church Plans Bazaar

The holiday dinner and bazaar sponsored by the West Suffield Congregational Church will be held on Saturday, December 5th, from 1 to 7 p.m. Dinner servings will take place at 5, 6, and 7 p.m.

Dinner menu will consist of baked ham, scalloped potato, turnip, green beans, cranberry sauce, pickles, rolls, butter, apple crisp and squash pie, coffee and tea.

Dinner will cost \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 5 to 12 years old. Children under 5 are free. Reservations may be made by calling 668-0540 or 668-0375.

Bazaar tables will feature food, Christmas items, handmade articles, and almost-new items. A bed quilt will be raffled.



Lift Your Spirits

By Mickey Spear

Thanksgiving is truly a joyous time of year, an occasion to celebrate with friends and loved ones. It is also the biggest holiday in terms of wine consumption. Even those who normally don't drink wine realize that a bottle or two served with the traditional turkey dinner will add to the warmth and conviviality generated by the family gathering.

Turkey, like chicken, is one of the most versatile meats and there is a wide array of wines that are compatible. After all, white meat, dark meat, and a cornucopia of different stuffing recipes make the choice of a wine seemingly unlimited.

To assist you in making a decision, we offer the following suggestions:

Zinfandel, Louis Martini

Produced only in California, Zinfandel is truly an American wine. Medium-bodied, fruity and dry. Its zesty flavor makes this an excellent choice if you have spicy stuffing.

Cabernet Sauvignon, Louis Martini

Many Cabernets are made in a big, oaky style that overpower turkey. Martini's is a soft, fruity version of this noble grape. Ideal for those who wish to serve a dry, red wine.

Beaujolais Villages, Louis Jadot

A traditional Thanksgiving favorite. A fruity, fresh, classic Beaujolais.

Soave Classico, Villa Banfi

This popular Italian wine is light, delicate and dry. Produced in the delimited "classico" zone where the finest grapes for Soave are grown.

Cabernet d'Anjou, Moc Baril

One of the very best rose wines from the picturesque Loire Valley in France. Light, fresh and fruity with a pleasant sweetness.

Chardonnay, Beringer

An outstanding example of California's best white wine variety. Fairly full bodied and dry with a good oak/fruit balance.

Colombard Blanc (French Colombard), Souverain

For those who prefer something a bit sweeter, this is a fresh, fruity wine with a pleasant, floral bouquet.

Southwick Library Sets Round-Up Week

The Southwick Public Library has announced a "Round-Up Week" to be held November 30th to December 4th. They ask for the return of any outstanding library books, and no fines will be assessed that week.

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Smith's Dept. Store Has Long History Of Public Service

By Candis Bloomrose

Personal attention by a friendly, knowledgeable salesperson, while choosing quality women's or children's apparel is what Smith's Department Store in the Grist Mill Plaza in Southwick offers the public. Owned by Robert Smith, this business has been serving the area for 27 years.

Fifty-eight years ago, Leon Smith, Robert's father, opened stores in Vermont and New Hampshire in partnership with others. Eventually he sold his interest and in 1938 opened his own store in Westfield.

During the early sixties, the Westfield concern closed and another store, which had been operating in Suffield for seven years, was taken for urban renewal.

A native of Westfield, Robert Smith had worked for his father as a youngster when delivering on bicycles was a common activity. After graduating high school and attending accounting school, he took over the Westfield establishment along with brothers Wendell and Gordon.

In 1954, Smith's opened in the Southwick Shopping Center, where it remained for 25 years until moving to its present location in 1979.

Married to local girl Caroline Arnold, Smith was the store's sole manager for many years and feels equally at home in Southwick. All of his employees have been "nice, dependable people."

Smith's line of sportswear includes Jantzen, Queen Casual, Bobbie Brooks, and Lady Queen brands in junior and misses sizes. Their stock of sweaters, slacks, blouses and skirts consists of selected groups of mix-and-match items easily coordinated. Smith stands behind his merchandise and offers refunds or replacements for defective articles.

Four times a year, Smith, or his gracious clerk Patricia Lobombard, attends clothing reviews in the New England Trade Center in Woburn to choose apparel for the following season. Having bought female attire all his life, Smith has seen styles and names come and go; however, Katz Sleepwear - gowns, pajamas, and robes - has been stocked since the store first opened.

Lingerie, Hanes hosiery and brand-name socks, both ankle and knee-high, are important items. During the winter a full line of Hansen hats, scarves and mittens in lovely ski patterns are available for purchase.

Children's clothing contains the Carter or Buster Brown labels, and underwear along with a few children's sleeping bags are also available during the year.



PATRICIA LABOMBARD OF SMITH'S DEPARTMENT STORE in Southwick adds a personal touch in greeting customers at the popular Grist Mill Department store. Advertiser/News photo by Walt Steinmetz.

Two local women, Mrs. Boini and Mrs. Petersen, provide knitted baby sets sold in the infant section. Rattles, small stuffed toys, bibs and brand-name babywear are included.

For the holiday season, customers may choose from a fine line of Queen Casual black velour jackets, slacks, skirts or coordinated elegant white dressy blouses.

Although just finishing an anniversary sale, Smith's Department Store has annual sales in January and July. Open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., hours will be extended for the convenience of the public throughout the Christmas shopping season. Smith's will open Monday through Friday at 9 a.m. from December 14th to 23rd.

Obituary Notice

ROBERT "NINO" MORETTI

Robert "Nino" Moretti, 76, of 11 Fairview Street, Agawam, died Wednesday, November 18, 1981, at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield Hospital unit.

Born in Italy, he had been a resident of Agawam since 1936 and was the former owner of the Federal Hill Club restaurant on Cooper Street, Agawam, from 1936 until his retirement in 1978. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam.

He leaves his wife, Elsa (Forni) Moretti, a son Nino C. Moretti of West Simsbury, Connecticut; a daughter Mona Fravel of Portsmouth, Rhode Island; two sisters, Ida Mei of College Point, Long Island, New York, and Olympia Moretti of Agawam; and six grandchildren.

Colonial Funeral Chapel, Main Street, Agawam, was in charge of services with a mass said at St. John the Evangelist Church and burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Firesafe Ideas

By the Suffield
Firemen's Association, Inc.



The correct use of the proper portable fire extinguisher could prevent a small fire from becoming a major one. The fire department should be notified as soon as a fire is discovered; however, if the following conditions are met, it might be possible to extinguish the fire with a portable fire extinguisher.

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3. The fire is discovered while still small enough for the extinguisher to be effective. Does the extinguisher carry enough agent to kill the fire?
4. The fire is discovered by a person, ready, willing, and able to use the extinguisher. If there is any doubt, GET OUT, and ALWAYS call the fire department!

Pets & Turkey Day

Does your pet demand Thanksgiving tidbits? Including your dog or cat in holiday feasting can mean more trouble than treat, warns the MSPCA's Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital.

Poultry bones splinter easily and can pierce an animal's stomach lining or intestines. String used to truss up the Thanksgiving turkey can become tangled in the intestinal tract. Rich gravies and dressings can cause stomach upsets, vomiting or diarrhea.

For your pet's own safety, dispose of these hazardous leftovers in securely lidded garbage containers out of the reach of crafty scavengers.

Dr. Stoyak, chief of staff at Rowley Memorial Animal Hospital, cites many digestive problems, intestinal obstructions, and perforations that could have been prevented by pet owners being more careful about what their pets ate during the holiday season.

This Thanksgiving, practice preventive medicine. Treat your pet to biscuits and bones designed for animals, not he scraps from your holiday table.

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EDITORIAL

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A Holiday For Thankfulness

By Penny Stone

With Thanksgiving Day just around the corner, I'd like to take this opportunity to share some of my holiday thoughts with you...

Thanksgiving very simply is a time to **give thanks**. In addition to showing gratitude for a bountiful harvest, we might acknowledge our good health, a good marriage and good friends.

It's a time set aside for gathering together our loved ones—our parents, grandparents, children, friends, siblings, etc. It's a time ideally suited for showing each and every one of them just how grateful we are for their love, support, care and understanding.

It's so easy to criticize and complain. Perhaps our ability to compliment and appreciate others needs to be exercised.

If confronting someone face to face is difficult, put your feelings on paper and mail your note of thankfulness.

Last November, I wrote to a family friend with whom I had not communicated for many years to let her know how great an influence she had been on me since high school. I had **silently** thanked her many times.

I felt very good writing this little note of acknowledgement. I felt even better after I had dropped it into the mail. I was richly rewarded when two days later she telephoned to tell me how happy my note of thanksgiving had made her.

What a beautiful Thanksgiving Day I had as a result of that brief note! I easily found something worth acknowledging in everyone with whom I came in contact that holiday. The rewards were bountiful.

Isn't this what Thanksgiving is all about? Thank you for your readership and support.



Kanine Korner
By Jeff & Marti Webster
Suffield Dog Officers

To love is to care; dogs need good care. The following information comes from the Connecticut Humane Society.

FOOD: Ask your veterinarian for advice on the correct diet for your dog. Puppies need feeding three times a day. Remember, puppies need more food per body weight than grown dogs. Supplements such as cooked red meats, fowl, vegetables, and a limited amount of starches such as potatoes and noodles may be fed occasionally.

DO NOT overfeed your dog, and **DO NOT** give him poultry, steak or pork bones. Always keep fresh, clean water available.

HOUSING: A basket, box padded with old blankets or towels, or a "pillow" stuffed with cedar shavings will provide the dog with a bed of his own. He should have his own special corner or "security" place.

An outdoor dog should be provided with a draught-free, wind-tight kennel which should be well-insulated against heat and cold and have a floor raised from the ground to keep it dry. **Keep living quarters** clean and healthy.

RESTRAINT: A strongly fenced-in yard is safe for a dog. Chained dogs may become fierce. Get your dog's licence from your town hall by the time he is six months old, and observe your state and town leash laws.

HEALTH CARE: Your dog should be examined by a veterinarian who will schedule shots and medication needed to protect him against potentially fatal diseases such as distemper, hepatitis, leptospirosis, and heartworm.

While we're discussing dogs' health, after you replace the anti-freeze in your car, be sure to dispose of the old anti-freeze properly. Two swallows by your dog is enough poison to kill him.

Every responsible owner should seriously consider having his female dog spayed or his male dog neutered when the animal is six months old. Do not contribute towards pet overpopulation.

Open Letter To Residents Of Southwick

Citizens of Southwick, have you noticed, as I have, a tremendous decline in the dedication of the people responsible for our town? There seems to be problems getting people to serve, even in the most prestigious positions; the Board of Selectmen, seem to be unwanted.

During the past year and a half, the services we have all come to expect have all but disappeared. Every department is combating one another. The selectmen, who are supposed to oversee the town government, have their heads in the sand.

At a time when the town should be running a tight, well-directed ship, we seem to be drifting without a rudder. Each town department is operating in their own little corner, doing as little as possible.

The selectmen have not completely sat idle; their solution has been to form committees - the D.P.U., Consolidated School, Energy, and who knows what else. The committees meet, and while meeting, the Water Department and the Highway Department is running inefficiently. We are still heating a school that's closing was to save us money, and the town hall is using energy as if it were free.

Let's look at all the well-intended projects that have been lost because we dragged our feet. We are faced with losing our only claim to fame - the lakes - and still we do nothing. Our aquifer is being tampered with and again we only talk.

Even the simple things like putting together a parade was fouled up. When can the people of Southwick expect to see good leadership again? Will we be forced into changing our type of government like Agawam or will our selectmen get the message?

Selectmen, please reach down and grab Southwick by the boot straps and pull it back to the proud town it once was. Please!

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As the holidays draw near, most of us have high hopes of being together with family and friends, exchanging gifts, feeling the love and joy of the season.

Some lonely people, or families barely making ends meet, come to The Salvation Army at Christmastime.

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A View From The Inside

By Ruth C. Fahrback
CT. State Rep.
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Each winter as our heat goes on more and more and our heating bills get higher and higher, many of us probably wish we had attended to all those summer projects planned to help conserve energy: caulking, weatherstripping, storm doors and windows, and maybe even a new furnace.

Maybe the cost involved has kept you from undertaking such a project. If so, perhaps the State of Connecticut's Energy Conservation Loan Program can assist you with your energy conservation needs.

This program is designed to provide financial assistance in the form of below-market rate loans to eligible families and individuals who wish to purchase and install insulation, alternative energy devices, and energy conservation materials in one-to-four unit residential dwellings.

If your average adjusted gross annual income on your last two years' tax filings does not exceed \$33,000, you could be eligible for a low-interest loan of up to \$3,000. The minimum loan available is \$400 and the term of repayment ranges from three to ten years depending on the amount received.

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School News

Karen Olsen "Listens" To Kids

By Andi Phelps

Southwick: Why does my child have to see a psychologist? Karen Olsen, Southwick's school psychologist, says psychology is merely a study of behavior. Through a testing and evaluation program, the school can determine why and how a student behaves and learns. Different children need different approaches to learning situations.

Approximately 10% of the school population deals with the Special Needs Department annually. Some children have severe handicaps to cope with, while others will have minor behavior or learning problems to handle in a regular classroom situation. Pre-school testing is also administered through this department.

Ms. Olsen works with students who are referred either by teachers, parents, or doctors because they exhibit special needs. Occasionally, she simply meets with a teacher, observes the child in class, and makes suggestions. Often, there is no testing involved.

In more severe cases, extensive testing and evaluation are required to determine a child's ability to cope with school routine. She will then meet with parents and teachers to work out an appropriate program.

Depending upon the extent of the problem, a student may undergo one or more tests covering speech, language, motor skills, and physical examinations. Teacher evaluation is considered carefully, and home visits may be necessary.

Parents are encouraged to participate in and question all steps of their child's evaluation. They are invited to take part in any conferences to determine what educational plan their child will follow. Suggestions and questions from home are welcome, Ms. Olsen says.

According to state law, special needs students are re-evaluated every three years to update educational

programs. This year, Ms. Olsen is re-evaluating students she originally recommended when she began her work here over three years ago. She finds watching the progress they've made most rewarding.

Ms. Olsen is also the coordinator of the annual pre-school screening process. Since pre-schoolers are difficult to test, more obvious problems in language development or physical ability are easily detected.

The local department can service children from three to 21 years of age. Resource rooms where children spend all or part of each school day are available in all schools. Children who can't be educated within the Southwick system are sent out of district to teaching facilities such as the American School for the Deaf or classes operated under the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative. Ms. Olsen monitors classes both within and outside of the system.

During these routine testings of pre-academic skills, Ms. Olsen "floats" between test areas to observe different problems. Children who fail this screening are then tested more intensively one-on-one. Many youngsters are simply overwhelmed by group testing, according to Ms. Olsen, and apparent problems disappear in later testing.

Because of the size of the Southwick system and her flexible schedule, Ms. Olsen is free to visit classrooms and students throughout the town any time of day. She is available to observe classes, check progress with teachers, and work on changes in individual programs as the need arises.

She emphasizes that parents should feel at ease about contacting her to answer their questions or to ask for or offer suggestions.

She points out to parents that there is more available through her department than testing. Conferences with students, parents and/or teachers may be enough to adjust learning situations and correct problems.

Her department is especially sensitive in the area of confidentiality. Parents may request information not be revealed even to teachers or other members of the department. Results of psychological evaluations do not go into students' regular school files and are only made available to others with a parental release. This



KAREN OLSEN

regulation applies even after students graduate or move out of town.

Ms. Olsen has a master's degree in school psychology from the University of Rhode Island and has worked for several years in the state of Rhode Island as well as in West Springfield before joining the Southwick system. In addition, she has served as visiting lecturer in the graduate psychology department at Springfield College.

Her position in the Southwick School System is federally funded; therefore, she along with her programs are evaluated annually.

In an effort to help parents cope with everyday problems of raising children, the Special Needs Department will conduct a "parenting" group beginning in January. Ms. Olsen and Phyllis Goldblatt of Title I will lead discussion groups dealing with different behaviors and aimed at developing an understanding of why children are as they are.

These sessions will be directed to all types of behavior, not just problem areas.

Southwick School Menus POWDER MILL & HIGH SCHOOL

Mon., Nov. 23: Hamburger/roll, sliced cheese, potato rounds, buttered corn, vanilla-choc. whip
Tues., Nov. 24: Tomato rice soup, tuna salad on roll, lettuce, carrot & celery sticks, dessert
Wed., Thurs., Fri. No Lunches

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Southwick Guidance Report

By Bernard Hagan

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM

The New England Regional Student Program is one of the basic programs of the New England Board of Higher Education. This program makes it possible for New England residents to enroll in public colleges and universities throughout New England for certain programs of study that are not available in their home-state institution and pay either in-state tuition or 25% above that amount.

Residents of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont have the option of choosing the type of public institution they prefer. If a program of study is not available in the home state institution preferred by a student, that student may apply for Regional Student Program status at an out-of-state institution. If a program of study is available at any of the institutions in their home state, they cannot go out of state under the Regional Student Program.

Participating institutions may charge students enrolled under the Regional Student Program either the in-state tuition or 25% above that amount.

All undergraduate applicants for admission under the Regional Student Program should be accorded preference among out-of-state applicants. If a student applying for admission under this program and has the same qualifications as a non-New England applicant, the New England student applying under this program should be accepted first.

To apply for the benefits of the Regional Student Program, students should state clearly on their college application that they are applying to a program of study available through the Regional Student Program. If accepted by the institution into the program of study the eligible student will be granted Regional Student Program status.

For further information about the Regional Student Program contact the Guidance Office at Southwick High School (569-3011).

CONGRATULATIONS to Eric Sulewski who has been accepted to Western New England College with a major in engineering and to Mary Knight who has been accepted to Bay Path Junior College as a medical assistant program major.

20-Week Club Winners

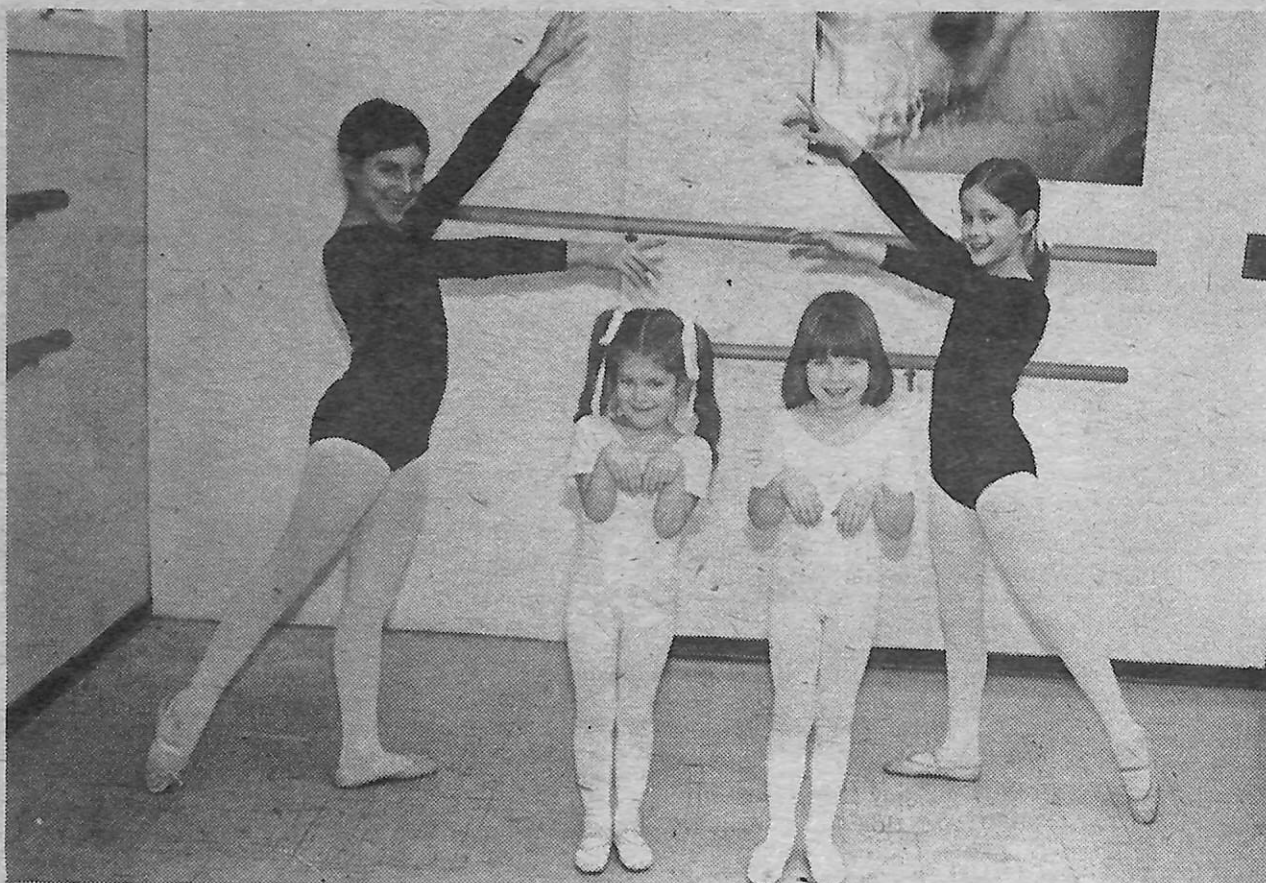
By Shari Carpenter

Southwick: The second drawing of the 20-Week Club sponsored by the Southwick Band Parents took place on Friday, November 13th.

Winners were Robert Marcell of Southwick, \$50; Irene Patnode of Westfield, \$30; and Tony Romano of Enfield, Conn., \$20.

Tickets will be available for the next eighteen weeks by contacting Rita Sak at 569-6830, Carol Geryk at 569-3570, and Pat Antonucci at 569-3249.

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YOUNG BALLERINAS FROM SOUTHWICK AND SUFFIELD chosen to participate in the Berkshire Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* are, back row, Stacy Galiatos, left, and Christany Utzinger as angels along with Cherish Utzinger, left front row, and Sarah Gamble as reindeer. Advertiser/News Photo By Jack Devine.

Local Dancers To Perform In "Nutcracker" Ballet

Four local ballet students were chosen recently to appear in the traditional holiday ballet, "The Nutcracker," which will be presented by the Berkshire Ballet in Springfield's Symphony Hall on November 28 and 29.

Auditions were held for children's roles as clowns and angels at Dance Arts studio on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. Mrs. Nancy Pierce, ballet mistress of the Berkshire Ballet, conducted the auditions.

Christany and Cherish Utzinger, daughters of Richard and Darlene Utzinger of 146 So. Loomis St., Southwick, Sarah Gamble, daughter of Christopher

and Betty Gamble of Tannery Road, Southwick, and Stacy Galiatos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Galiatos of 1275 North Street, Suffield number among those selected.

Those students chosen are currently attending rehearsals under the direction of Deborah Wright Haskins, owner of Dance Arts and former soloist and ballet mistress with the Berkshire Ballet. The local cast numbers forty dancers.

Tickets for "The Nutcracker" will be available through The Center of Ticketron outlets.

Suffield School Lunch Menus

Mon., Nov. 23: French bread pizza, green beans with chopped nuts, pineapple tidbits, milk
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RUTH ANASTASIA, (left) a Registered Nurse at Suffield's Emergency Aid, holds the attention of Suffield High School students on Career Day sponsored by the local Rotary Club. (Right) Louise Tagliavini addresses students on purchasing, sales and marketing while Mary Burgeron looks on. Advertiser/News photos by Walt Steinmetz.



June Berte (interior decorating); Ruth Anastasia (nursing); Gloria Bailey (psychology); Jody Rink (physical therapy); Dr. Kenneth Schulte (veterinarian); Yerti Nelson (aviation, flight attendant); Lucile Loiseau (florist); Bruce Dinnie (sports, recreation); and Gary Smith (business, management).

In presenting data relating to their occupations, most speakers emphasized a common theme: to be successful in a career requires diligence in school, attention to educational requirements, practical experience in the field, and willingness to use one's own innate ability.

Dr. Schulte said, "You need persistence, patience, and push."

Some guest speakers brought usual aids and tools of their trades along to share with students. For example, Mrs. Penny Stone, editor of *The Southwick-Suffield Advertiser/News*, displayed the newspaper's "mechanicals" and demonstrated to students how several devices are used in layout work.

Not only did Suffield florist Lucile Loiseau discuss her field, but she also brought along flowers and materials so each student was able to construct a simple centerpiece as they listened.

Following the presentations, Suffield High teachers remarked on the high interest and enthusiastic response from students.

Many students are already getting experience in their chosen fields. Among those attending the nursing session were Helen Bieu, presently a nurse's aide at a convalescent home, and Kelly Drake, soon to be a hospital volunteer. Rick McCarty, who attended the journalism session, was praised for his flawless weekly sports articles.

The importance of practical experience was emphasized by Dr. Schulte, who recalled being visited by students who changed their minds about becoming veterinarians at the first sight of blood.

One student, unable to attend a session of his choice, hoped that future career days might be longer or include panel discussions among related careers.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Guest speakers with whom I visited following the Career Day program echoed my sentiments that the morning was certainly time well spent. Perhaps some doors to the future were opened, and we all welcomed the opportunity to be of help.

Rotararians Sponsor Career Day

By Connie Davis

Suffield: Last Tuesday the Suffield Rotary Club sponsored Career Day at Suffield High School. Regular classes were suspended for two periods to allow the 700 students to listen to forty speakers discuss their trades or professions. As far as possible, each student was able to choose his or her two top career choices.

Prior to the session, Dr. David A. Johnson, Suffield High principal, and Dick Davis, Rotary chairman, greeted speakers. These guests had been encouraged

previously to present the pros and cons of their particular occupations as well as answer students' questions.

Among several local residents representing various occupations were Ronald Carlson and William Phelps (fire and rescue service); John Wyzik (law); Joseph Winters (law enforcement); Donald Robinson (teaching, school administration); John Woods (real estate); Ruth Becker (secretarial); Barbara Chain (biology); Robert Stewart (mechanical engineering);



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Sports/Recreation

Suffield Booters Reach State Finals

By Rick McCarty

SUFFIELD: The Suffield Wildcats boys soccer team gained its fourth consecutive state final showing by defeating the Windsor Locks Raiders by a 1-0 count, on Tuesday November 17 in Class M Division semi-final activity as Hall High in West Hartford.

After winning the state championship in 1978 over RHAM Regional High School, the Wildcats made the final game in 1979 against Farmington and again in 1980 against St. Paul of Bristol. On the short end of the stick in the past two state finals, Suffield looks to capitalize on this new opportunity when they face Valley Regional, Deep River, on Saturday, November 21 for all the marbles.

However the road to the final game has been a tough one for the 16-0-3 locals. Facing 15th ranked Windsor Locks, Suffield was in a deja vu situation. Last year in the semi-finals, 19th ranked Suffield defeated previously unbeaten and top-ranked Windsor Locks. Another factor in the game was that the Raider coach was Suffield native Dan Sullivan.

Ironically, Sullivan's two sons, Dan and David, play for the hometowners.

For Dan Sullivan the younger, victory was sweet. Sullivan scored the only goal of that memorable game midway through the first half connecting on a John Bertolini throw-in. The goal was the 13th of the season for the senior co-captain and pushed Suffield away from a carbon copy of what transpired between the two sides a year ago.

A defensive struggle ensued as both Locks and Suffield had many opportunities to score. With shots on goal even at 16, both squads showed heart, tenacity and patience; three of the keys to a winning soccer team. One looks at this game in retrospect and wonders if it is fair for either one of these teams to lose.

Before getting a shot at the Locksmen, Suffield had to defeat the Avon Eagles in a quarter-final match on Friday, November 13 in a contest played at Granby High.

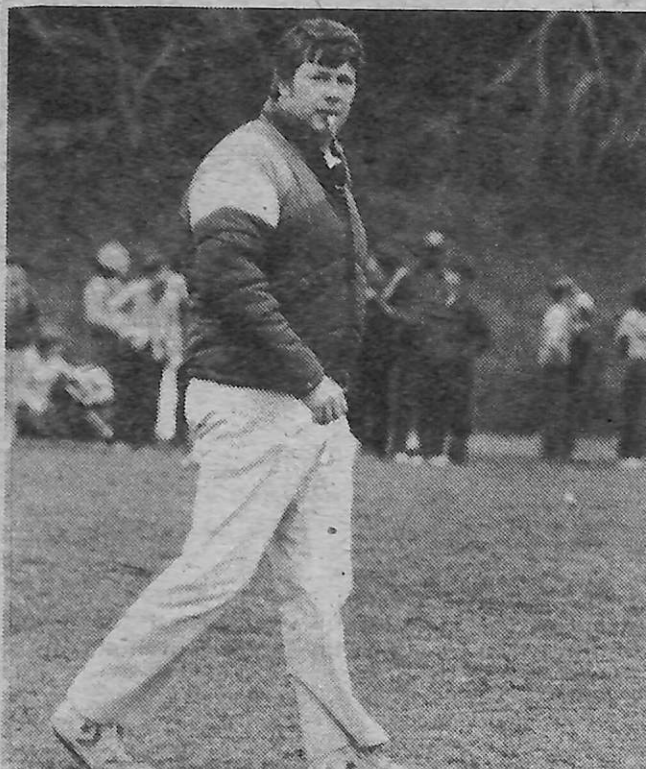
After getting ahead 2-0, the Suffield defense was forced to batten-down the hatches as an inspired Avon side sent wave after wave at the Wildcat net. After closing the count to 2-1 with seven minutes remaining in the game, the 7th ranked Eagles could not break through the Suffield wall again.

Suffield received their goals from junior Russell Fricke in the first half and senior Dave Merrill in the second stanza.

FIRST ROUND ACTION: Prior to the quarter-final match, the Wildcats had a first round date with 13th ranked Wolcott in a game played Wednesday, November 11 at Suffield High. In winning the game by a 2-0 margin, the Wildcats dominated the entire field as they clearly were the better team.

Receiving both goals from senior forward Dave Merrill, the Suffield defensive corps were never seriously threatened.

Rowdies Win Intramural Soccer



THE INTRAMURAL SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS, sponsored by McAlister Middle School and the town's Park and Rec Department, resulted in the Rowdies just nipping the Cosmos by a 5-4 count. Receiving recognition as outstanding players in the league were 6th grader Jason Woodworth and Greg Lyon. Pictured (left) is referee Ron Savoie. (Right) John Kingman, Doug Pitile, John Coggins and Michael Krepps in heated action. Advertiser/News photo by Walt Steinmetz.

Old Saybrook Survives Suffield Scare

By Dawn Cummock

SUFFIELD: The girls on the Suffield High School field hockey team made Number 1 ranked Old Saybrook High work hard for their win in the first round of the Class M. State Tournament last week.

Suffield's Chelen Edwards stunned Old Saybrook by scoring the first goal of the game in the opening five minutes of play.

Suffield hung on for a 1-0 lead at the intermission. Suffield appeared to be on the threshold of a remarkable upset when Debbie Wilde's goal, assisted by Ann Golec increased the Wildcats lead to 2-0.

But Old Saybrook refused to push the panic button and proved why they deserved their number one ranking. They struck with lightning quickness for two goals to even the count at 2-2.

Both teams fought with intensity and determination to tally the game-winning marker but neither succeeded. After an 80-minute battle of emotion, the game developed into two 10-minute overtimes with no further results.

Now in a penalty shoot-out to determine 100 minutes of true grit, each team chose their five players to take penalty shots at the opposing net-minder to determine a winner.

Old Saybrook peppered Suffield's Michele Dion, who already had performed brilliantly with 20 saves. Old Saybrook escaped a shocking upset and Suffield left the field inches short of pulling it off.

Despite the loss, the season must be considered a successful one. The girls placed second in the NCCC, qualifying for the Class S State Tournament and then taking the number one ranked squad to a double overtime and then sudden death penalty shooting.

Congratulations on a successful season go to: **SENIORS:** Tammy Marek, Nancy Mann, Sue Graff and Pam Norcross. **JUNIORS:** Chelen Edwards, Debbie Wilde, Ann Golec, Donna Oppenheimer and Teresa Coggins. **SOPHOMORE:** Beth Gline, Paula Marek, Julie Dowd, Marie Watters, Michele Dion, Karen Austin, Lisa Lagle, Caroline Kriss, Mary Ann Liss and Julie Saver. **FRESHMEN:** Shelly Cicero, Ara Stewart and Lisa Schuwallback.

NOW THE WILDCATS FACE A TOUGH TASK: They must come down to earth following the emotional triumph over their longtime nemesis, the Raiders of Windsor Locks and settle down to their final encounter.

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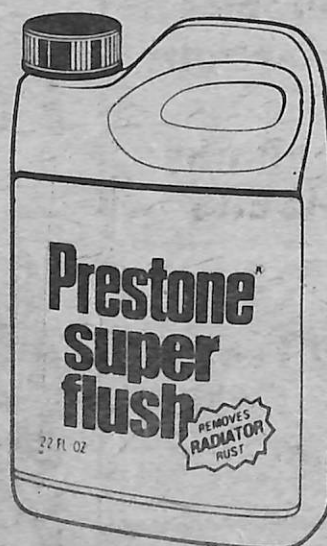
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Suffield Rec Offers Gymnastics Session

Two years ago, the Suffield Recreation Department initiated an advanced gymnastics program for serious gymnasts. The program is conducted in the summer and fall on a co-ed basis.

Prior to originating its own program, the department had found it difficult to transport children to advanced programs in the area. Now the Suffield program operates like the hub of a wheel with private programs as the rim.

The gym program usually runs five to six weeks, two nights a week for two hours a night. It is a self-sustaining program as students pay 100% of its costs. School department equipment is used with the Rec Department contributing annually to the equipment account.

Ricardo Godard, better known as Chico, is the instructor for this program. A junior at Springfield College majoring in physical education and health fitness, he is from New York City though he was born on the island of Tobago.

Godard has coached gymnastics in New York City, where his team place first in regional and state competition. He has also been involved with the Springfield YMCA gymnastics program.

Godard originally trained in gymnastics at Stoney Brook Camp and at Woodward Gymnastics Camp, Long Island.

Godard is popular with Suffield's young gymnasts. Meda Wilcox, a freshman, says, "He taught me a lot and has given me a lot of confidence. Plus, he's fun!"

Lisa Coatti, another freshman, agrees that she has learned many new skills and feels the program has been a success.



THE SUFFIELD REC. DEPARTMENT has recently sponsored a gymnastics program. Taking time out for a photo are, from left: Kelley Drake, Cindy Hefflon, Meda Wilcox, Coach Ricardo "Chico" Godard, Lisa Coatti, Linda Meiberg and Tracey Benoit. Advertiser/News photo by Nancy Butler.

Rec. Dept. Offers Men's Over 30 Basketball

Suffield: The Suffield Recreation Department is sponsoring a program for men over 30 years of age interested in playing basketball informally.

The program will be held every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at Suffield High School. There is no fee and no reservations are necessary.

Suffield Flyers Begin Season

The first two weeks of November on the schedule of the Suffield Flyers youth hockey teams found six of the seven teams in games. Overall record for these teams during those two weeks was 15-22-2.

The Mite team of 5-8 year olds was to play its first game on November 19th.

BANTAMS

The Bantam A team, with a record of 7-2, is showing strong offensive power with wins over Wethersfield, Cheshire and Enfield and ECHO. Most of the team are players who were with the State Champion Bantam team last year and are expected to remain strong this year.

The Bantam B team, which is off to a relatively slow start due to academic conflicts and illnesses, currently has a record of 1-5, but has shown steady improvement in its last three games.

PEE WEE

The Pee Wee teams consist of many first-year players and youngsters from last year's Squirt teams, many of whom are experiencing their first game

situations. Defensive play and goaltending has improved in the last few games and the current combined record of 2-11 should begin to improve in the next few weeks.

SQUIRTS

The two Squirt teams are off to a good start with a combined record of 5-4-2, with wins over Glastonbury, Cheshire, and Westfield, Mass. Strong defensive efforts have been prevalent with the Squirt B's with opponents being held to a single goal in three of their five games.

On the other hand, the Squirt A team has explosive offensive team outscoring their opponents 39-13 in six games.

A full slate of games is scheduled for the remainder of November with teams such as New Haven, Oyster Bay, R.I., and Fairfield ready to challenge the Flyers. All home games are played at the Enfield Twin Rinks and are scheduled during the early evening hours.

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All Outstanding Teams

SOUTHWICK: The fall sports season at Southwick has finally come to a close. In this article Chris Hout elaborates on the respective teams, takes a look at their strengths and weaknesses, their surprises and a general summary of the autumn season.

FIELD HOCKEY - Without a doubt the most awesome force in Western Mass. field hockey. The Rams finished the 1981 season at 17-1, and were dramatically upset in the Western Mass. final by South Hadley.

Their individual talent was frightening; their depth - discouraging to opponents. Best symbolizing the strength and firepower of the Rams is the goals for and goals against statistic: for every goal their opposition scored, the Rams scored six - staggering.

Starting at the top is the incomparable Karen Schulz, the senior right wing (16-9-25) who led the Rams in all offensive categories and was the best all-around player in the Valley League this season.

Sweeper Kim Florek was another standout performer, according to Southwick coach Sheila Bewsee. Florek was the teams "most valuable player" says Bewsee. Florek was the glue of the Ram defense, and was possibly the best defensive player in the league.

Goaltender Robin Schools was a "brick wall" in goal for the Rams this past season. The first year net-minder recorded a league leading 12 shutouts in her initial season of organized field hockey.

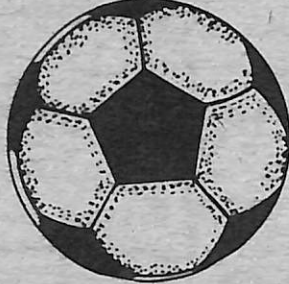
The above mentioned names are only a part of the phalanx known as the Southwick Rams. Let's take a look at the season-long strengths of this club which did everything until the stunning upset by South Hadley.

STRENGTHS: Flawless passing, superb forechecking and backchecking and immense goaltending were the most notable strengths on the Rams this season. An example of their forechecking mastery is the six games Southwick held their opponents without a shot. Very vibrant players, strong bench and great attitudes also played a big role in the success of this team in 1981.

WEAKNESSES: None.

SURPRISES: The offensive surge of Donna Griffin and the stalwart play of inexperienced players were pleasant surprises to Coach Bewsee, but the biggest surprise was the goaltending prowess of Robin Schools.

OVERALL SUMMARY: What can you say about this tough, talented group that hasn't already been said? They are a phenomenal team who enjoyed a phenomenal season. Our hats go off to Coach Bewsee and her girls who brought much excitement to the Southwick area this past fall.



SOCCER: The soccer Rams finished the 1981 season, 12-2-1. Coach Bob Dvorchak's sides placed second behind St. Mary's in the tough Hampshire Franklin Division, and bowed out in the first round of the Western Mass. soccer tournament, the same tournament that Southwick won in 1980.

The Rams were blessed all year with the scoring punch of Butch Mitchell, Paul Armitage and Todd Typrowicz. The trio combined for some 35 goals this past season.

However, inexperienced players in key positions stunted further success for the booters. The Rams lost eight players to graduation prior to the 1981 season. The Rams, in our opinion, had a remarkable season when you consider they lost eight out of eleven starters but still came within one game of the divisional title. It was considered a rebuilding year.

STRENGTHS: The goal scoring of Mitchell, Typrowicz and Armitage was the biggest strength the soccer possessed. A fine attitude and the leadership of captains David Reed, Danny English and Mitchell certainly played a steady role for the Rams.

WEAKNESS: Lack of bench strength really hurt Southwick this season. Also, too many inexperienced players at vital positions proved costly.

SURPRISES: The offensive display of John Coward was a pleasant surprise to Dvorchak. Derrick David-

son also went beyond expectations in a stellar season on defense for the booters.

OVERALL SUMMARY: Southwick had a fine season this past fall. As you know, soccer's popularity is ever-increasing in this area and each year the caliber of play is improving. Southwick was extremely competitive this season without the luxury of a strong bench. Depth is vital and essential part of any winning team and the Rams won 12 soccer games without it.

CROSS COUNTRY: The harriers of Southwick finished the 1981 campaign 11-0 and champions of the Valley Wheel for the fourth time in the past six seasons.

Mount Greylock dealt the Rams a severe blow in the Western Mass. cross country title meet, upsetting the locals 44-56, thus dethroning the Rams of their Western Mass. title.

Southwick was gifted with six very strong runners; Matt McGann, Eric Cass, Billy Anderson, Evan Anderson, Dave Deray and Ronnie Ward. At one point in the season, Southwick coach Dick Atkinson described this year's powerhouse as "One of the finest teams I've ever coached." That's a tremendous compliment to these fine athletes considering the talent in Atkinson's stables in the past.

STRENGTHS: The team as a whole was a strength in itself, boasting six top-flight runners, virtually unheard of these days. The attitude of these runners was simply fantastic, and Atkinson deserves most of the credit in that department. The kids admire the veteran coach a great deal and perform admirably for him - a good example is 4 division titles in the past 6 seasons.

WEAKNESS: None

SURPRISES: Not repeating as Western Mass. champs is about the only surprise draped upon the harriers all season. The undefeated regular season was preordained long before the campaign had begun.

OVERALL SUMMARY - A great year for Atkinson's Rams. Unfortunately, they fell just short of their destination. It will be awfully tough for Southwick to repeat or duplicate the same credentials next season, but then again, people have been saying that about Atkinson's team for many years now - his record provides a good answer.

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